

Happy Birthday—It's
Just an Old Yule Custom

The birthday cake, with all its shining candles, is a direct descendant of the Yule cake with which the English once celebrated Christmas. The Yule cake, instead of having a candle for each year, carried one for each member of the family. Good luck for the coming year was supposed to be the reward of the one who could blow out all of the candles at once.

Special Flavor
Of Christmas
Enriches Life

Children Are Robbed Who
Never Have Quenched
To Its Thrill.

There is a very special flavor about Christmas which has nothing to do with the giving of presents, and which depends only on the spirit which the presents represent. The adult who can keep this spirit and not let himself be worn out and exasperated by the material aspects of the season has kept a part of his childhood alive and can still feel the thrill which the season holds for children.

The child who has experienced the finest essence of Christmas will always look upon the season with joy and anticipation. His senses will always be stirred by the smell of evergreen, the crackle of holly and the picture of people headed down with mysterious parcels.

To get the full flavor there must be secrets, hidden packages, whisperings and private consultations. There must be also increased tension until Christmas Eve with the frantic effort to sleep, that the time may pass more quickly, or the determination to lie awake and peep for a sight of the unexpected.

When Christmas has become too elaborate and is a burden instead of a joy, when everyone decides not to celebrate Christmas this year, the children have been robbed of one of the high spots of childhood.

Life is enriched and quickened by an occasional break in the procedure of everyday existence, and the season which offers the greatest possibilities for such a break is the feast of the winter solstice, when the harvest is over and the spring not yet at hand—the feast of Christmas.

Burning Good Luck
Candles Is Ancient
Christmas Custom

Try not to let Christmas go by without burning two "good luck candles"—bayberry candles, of course, with their pungent incense! They are as much a part of Christmas as the holly or the evergreen tree, and there's no perfume to equal the faint fragrance of the wax from real bayberry shrubs.

An old legend vows: "That if lovers are separated at Christmas time through some quarrel or misunderstanding, both burn a bayberry candle before midnight on Christmas eve, the sweet incense will be wafted from one to the other and a joyous reunion effected."

But whether that's true or not, we all do know that: "A bayberry candle burned to the socket will bring luck to the house and gold to the pocket!"

Animals Share Christmas

Joy With Their Masters
Charmingly generous customs have arisen in many countries from little gestures of kindness to animals. And some of the most delightful have their origin in the Christmas celebration.

For instance, the Scandinavians gave extra rations to their cattle. The dogs in Albania were rewarded for faithful service with the first wheat cakes of the season.

Our bird sanctuaries, too, grew out of a holiday custom. A sheaf of grain, a trophy of the harvest, was placed on the house-top for the birds.

Christmas Tree Cookies
Christmas "trees" cut from cookie dough when the "tree" can be "trimmed" with silver and chocolate shots, bits of preserved fruits and nuts.

Shortbread Is
Tasty Scotch
Holiday Fare

WANT to please someone who "has everything" with a really extra special Christmas gift?

A festively decorated round of Royal Scotch shortbread is the perfect answer to that very pressing problem.

The familiar tartan-covered, heather-trimmed tins are missing from the stores this year, so we'll use a really wonderful old Christmas recipe from Scotland and make some ourselves instead.

A quarter cup of powdered sugar is all the recipe requires, so you can plan to make as many rounds as you can for Christmas gifts.

After all sugar is a very precious item this Christmas, isn't it, and it's good to know of something so delectable that does require so little!

One of the tricks in making good Scotch shortbread is to rub the butter into the flour mixture with the fingertips instead of a pastry blender. The butter softens slightly that way and absorbs the flour and sugar perfectly.

The sliced cherries and the chopped almonds are the ingredients that give the regal touch and unbelievably Christmassy texture to this usually somewhat austere Scotch specialty. It's so good you just have to taste it to believe it!

Save half a dozen of the most perfect cherries and almonds for decoration—or use bits of green angelica with the cherries instead.

If you have a box of place fruit you can let your imagination run riot of course and really go to town, but in general the cherries will do the job very nicely indeed.

When the shortbread is baked, cut a round of white cardboard exactly the same size. Slide a broad spatula gently under the round and lift it carefully on to the cardboard.

Wrap gaily in cellophane and trim proudly with red ribbon and holly, for a gift of Royal Scotch shortbread is a very elegant gift indeed!

Royal Scotch Shortbread.
1½ cup sifted flour
¼ cup cornstarch
¼ cup powdered beet sugar
¼ cup butter
1 egg yolk, beaten
¼ cup chopped blanched almonds
¼ cup candied cherries, quartered

Sift together flour, cornstarch and sugar. Add butter, blending with finger tips until thoroughly mixed. Add egg yolk, mix well with fork. Add almonds and cherries. Form into a ball. Place in the center of a greased cookie sheet. Pat or roll out about half an inch thick keeping as perfect a circle as possible. Pinch edges decoratively. Arrange halved cherries and almonds or angelica in the center. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) for half an hour or until center is done and edges are lightly browned. Allow to cool. Loosen carefully with spatula before transferring from cookie sheet.

The shortbread may be shaped into a square and cut into finger strips before baking if preferred.

Songfest

Almost any school teacher would envy Santa his ability to extract music from these youthful adherents. Their voices may not be those of the herald angels, but their dispositions at this time of year approach the angelic.

Cromwell's Decree Forbid

Observance of Christmas

In the time of Cromwell, an edict forbidding the observance of Christmas was issued. It ordered all shops to be kept open on Christmas day, the shopkeepers to be protected against violence, and says "that no observation shall be had of the day and twelfth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Meaning of December

December is derived from "decem," meaning ten. In the old Roman calendar the year began in March and December was the tenth month.

ACTIVITIES OF THE
JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross enrollment drive throughout Appomattox County has been completed and a total of \$85.74 was contributed. (Every classroom in all the county's schools was enrolled and \$31 was sent to the National Red Cross headquarters for this purpose. The amounts contributed by the schools were:

Appomattox high school, \$22.15
Appomattox elementary, 15.06
Pamplin high school, 5.50
Pamplin elementary, 5.65
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

contributed by the schools were:

Pottery Fork, 2.00
Total, 69.18
Carver high school, 1.60
Carver elementary, 3.78
Spout Spring, 4.02
Stonewall, 1.00
Mr. Alby, .50
Stonewall, 3.42
Stonewall, 2.00
Spout Spring, 2.75
Vera, 3.12
Evergreen, 1.50
Liberty Chapel, 1.00

1,887 pupils were enrolled during the drive.

The Appomattox high school boys

OAKVILLE

Oakville, Dec. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Childers and son, Thomas and Mrs. Kay Gledy and children were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Marsh during last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williamson visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abbott and Mrs. Jenkins of Vera spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis Lewis.

Pvt. Lincoln Martin of New York is spending a furlough with his father, Sidney Martin.

C. H. Bingham, of Roanoke,

spent several days recently in the home of Sidney Martin.

Mrs. W. P. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Rogers Sunday.

Pvt. Charles Clement, of Alabama and his mother, Mrs. Florence Clement, of Richmond, visited in the home of C. H. Coleman and R. E. Smith several days last week.

Miss Lillian Spiggle spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Martin, Jr. and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.